

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

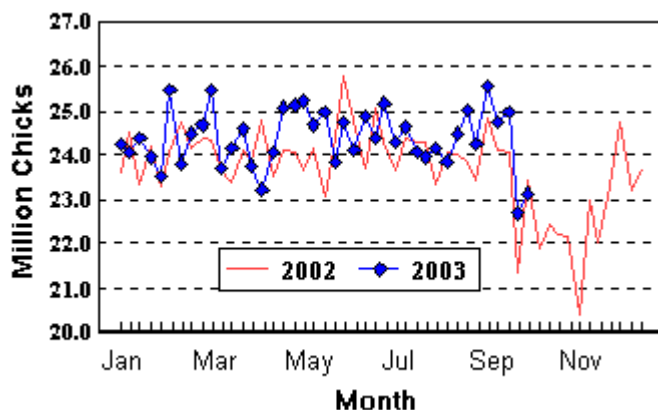
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.2 million during the week ending October 11, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2002, but up 2 percent from the previous week, and included 2.2 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through October 11, 2003 were 999.9 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.2 million, up 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 4 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.8 percent.

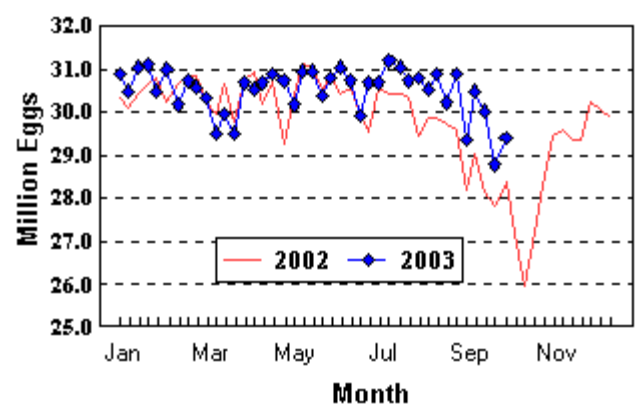
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 11, 2003, up 4 percent from the same period last year, and up 2 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Sep. 6	23,428	24,254	104	24,472	25,164	103	29,592	30,875	104
Sep. 13	24,831	25,581	103	24,573	25,531	104	28,201	29,368	104
Sep. 20	24,113	24,721	103	24,474	24,763	101	29,050	30,458	105
Sep. 27	24,044	24,992	104	24,459	25,337	104	28,177	30,013	107
Oct. 4	21,347	22,702	106	23,261	24,220	104	27,810	28,806	104
Oct. 11	23,404	23,157	99	24,017	25,229	105	28,385	29,386	104

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	20-Sep	27-Sep	04-Oct	11-Oct		06-Sep	13-Sep	20-Sep	27-Sep	04-Oct	11-Oct	
Alabama	27,015 *	27,391	28,070	28,048	103	22,012	21,482	21,970	21,676	20,614	20,421	97
ARKANSAS	30,458	30,013	28,806	29,386	104	24,254	25,581	24,721	24,992	22,702	23,157	99
Delaware	3,327	3,479	3,670	3,529	107	5,213	5,784	4,644	4,831	4,439	4,553	95
Florida	1,345	1,369	1,369	1,359	64	1,831	1,894	1,586	1,651	1,738	1,609	83
Georgia	30,901	30,697	30,671 *	32,016	107	25,074	25,959	25,369	24,677	24,099 *	24,260	98
Kentucky	5,888	6,494	6,079 *	6,626	120	5,862	5,885	5,475	5,273	4,933 *	5,482	114
Maryland	8,118	8,411	7,842	8,502	89	5,287	5,293	6,614	5,378	5,563	5,232	111
Mississippi	17,624 *	17,357	17,139	17,910	105	16,396	16,168	15,577	15,904	15,221	14,673	99
N. Carolina	15,614 *	17,488	15,901	15,940	96	14,098	13,977	13,226	13,000	13,156	12,575	101
Oklahoma	6,356	5,651	6,056	5,864	97	4,346	4,406	4,273	4,574	5,390	5,769	142
Pennsylvania	3,343	3,491	3,589	3,416	100	2,744	2,702	2,706	2,691	2,614	2,548	101
S. Carolina	4,482	4,417 *	4,578 *	4,080	91	4,310	4,204	4,607	3,827	4,265	4,188	115
Texas	13,016	14,357	14,279	14,217	101	11,893	12,080	12,165	12,193	11,670	10,809	105
Virginia	6,072	6,391	5,713	6,360	105	5,927	5,450	4,979	5,231	4,696	4,696	100
CA, LA, MO, TN, WV	19,341	19,450	19,167 *	19,888	108	18,343	18,154 *	17,252 *	17,225 *	18,166 *	17,530	108
Total 2003	192,900 *	196,456 *	192,929 *	197,141		167,590	169,019 *	165,164 *	163,123 *	159,266 *	157,502	
Total 2002	189,744	191,851	193,083	192,080		167,094	166,340	165,465	165,235	155,770	154,082	
%Prev. Year	102	102	100	103		100	102	100	99	102	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						25-Oct	01-Nov	08-Nov	15-Nov	22-Nov	29-Nov	

* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 197 million eggs during the week ending October 11, 2003. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 158 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 11, 2003. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through October 11, 2003 were 6.87 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.